

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE NEWS FOR SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2021

Good morning and welcome to the weekly news bulletin of the South African Radio League read by [your name, call sign and QTH]

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In the news today:

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and

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Stay tuned for more information on these and other interesting news items.

THE TALKING TECH POWER HOUR ON 24 NOVEMBER 2021

Are you interested in RaDAR and ultra-portable amateur radio? This month's Talking Tech Power Hour has special guest Eddie, ZS6BNE and he will be sharing interesting and entertaining insights into Rapidly Deployable Amateur Radio stations (RADAR) and ultra-portable stations. Everyone is welcome to join in from 19:00 CAT on Wednesday 24 November on the Sandton 145,700 MHz repeater and Echolink.

COUNCIL TO MEET ON 26 AND 27 NOVEMBER

The Council will meet face-to-face on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 November at the National Amateur Radio Centre. This will be the first face-to-face meeting since February 2019. Council will look at the arrangements for the 2022 AGM, the budget for 2022/23; the work of the SARL-100 working group; SARL Hamnet; the ICASA liaison; HF and VHF and above matters and more during the meeting.

IARU REGION 1 - DECEMBER 2021 YOTA MONTH

December is YOTA Month when several youngsters from Member Societies will become active on the air with YOTA as suffix in the call signs. From Wednesday 1 December to Friday 31 December 2021, international YOTA stations, operated by young amateurs in their teens and early 20s, will attempt to make many contacts worldwide with each other. This event is aimed at our young generation

and is an excellent opportunity for clubs to get youngsters on the air who are interested in or want to find out more about Amateur Radio.

It is not a formal contest, but a way to get our current young amateurs on the air contacting hundreds of other youngsters around the world. The SARL has registered the special call sign ZS9YOTA on the YOTA website for use by clubs and individuals during December. All radio amateurs are welcome to enjoy a QSO with the youngsters, be aware that some of them are new to the radio hobby, while others are more experienced.

To reserve a slot to use the ZS9YOTA call sign on a daily basis or for more information please contact Guy, ZS6GUY via e-mail at guy.eales@se.com or alternatively to Nico, ZS6QL at zs6ql@mweb.co.za. The schedule and applicable rules will be available on the SARL website soon. Looking forward to hearing our younger generation on the air during December!

SARL TROPHIES AND AWARDS

On 2 November 2021, a SARL Communication was sent to members with information about the SARL Trophies and Awards, a call for motions for the 2022 AGM and nominations to serve on Council. This information is also in the November 2021 Radio ZS. Do not wait until Sunday 30 January 2022 to submit your motion or nomination – do it now!

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JOIN THE SARL AT THE HALF-YEAR RATE

Join the SARL from tomorrow and pay the half-year rate and get one month free. The Council has decided to institute the half-year rate from Monday 22 November 2021. Ordinary members pay R250, Senior members pay R150, spouse members pay R90 and student members pay R60. Fill in the online membership application form on www.sarl.org.za/public/membership/join.asp and do an EFT into the SARL bank account using your call sign as the reference. E-mail your proof of payment to admin@sarl.org.za or call the SARL Office at 011 675 2393.

VACANCIES

We have a vacancy for QSL Manager at the National Amateur Radio Centre as Willem, ZS6X has indicated that he wants to step down. If you are up to the challenge, contact the SARL Secretary at secretary@sarl.org.za.

There is a vacancy on the SARL Forum Management Team. If you are interested, please contact Brad, ZS5Z on e-mail forumadmin@sarl.org.za for more information.

The SARL-100 Working Group requires more members to get involved with the historical research of the League, leading up to SARL Centenary in 2025. Contact Anette Jacobs, ZR6D on e-mail jhjacobsza@gmail.com to volunteer.

CONTEST NEWS

The CQ World-Wide DX CW Contest is on the air from 00:00 UTC on Saturday 27 to 23:59 UTC on Sunday 28 November 2021 with activity on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. Here is your chance to work the world on CW, the exchange is a RST report and your CQ Zone. For South Africa that is Zone 38. Get the rules on <https://www.cqww.com/rules.htm>.

CLUB NEWS

The West Rand Boot Sale will return to the normal time slot of 12:00 CAT on Saturday 27 November. The gates will open at 10:00 for social and refreshments, vendors are invited to arrive at 11:30 to set up with trading starting at 12:00. The Club will be selling the 'best in the west' boerie rolls with all the trimming expertly prepared by Danie and Dienie. Book a stand and table, call or e-mail Phillip, ZS6PVT on 083 267 3835 or zs6pvt@gmail.com.

The Sandton Amateur Radio Club has noticed that 2021 is rapidly running out of year, which means it is time for the SARC Year End Function. To end the year, the Club will be getting together and participating in various activities at the SAIEE Offices in Observatory Johannesburg on Sunday 28 November 2021.

The Antique Wireless Association of Southern Africa held its AGM on Saturday 13 November, the following members were elected to the committee.

President: Renato Bordin, ZS6REN

Vice President: Jacques Scholtz, ZS6JPS.

Secretary/PRO: Andy Cairns, ZS6ADY

Technical Advisor: Rad Handfield-Jones, ZS6RAD

Historian: Oliver Gerondeanos, ZS6OG

WC Representative: John Watson, ZS1WJ

KZN Representative: Don Radford, ZS5DR

Member - Wally Watson, ZS6WLY

PROPAGATION REPORT

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low levels. There are currently two active sunspot regions visible and there is a small possibility of C-class flaring. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 10. The 15 to 30 m bands will especially during the late afternoons provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

Finally, a diary of some upcoming events:

24 November – the Sandton Talking Tech Power Hour

26 and 27 November – the Council Strategy Meeting

27 November – the Cape Town ARC meeting and the West Rand Boot Sale

27 and 28 November – the CQ WW DX CW Contest

30 November – the Secunda ARC meeting

1 December – The start of the YOTA December Month activity

3 December - International Day for Disabled Persons

4 December – The Durban ARC meeting, the SARL 40 m Grid Square sprint and the SARL/AMSAT SA Technology Workshop

5 December - International Volunteers Day

11 and 12 December – the ARRL 10 metre contest

16 December – the Day of Reconciliation

To conclude our bulletin, a recap of our main news story:

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This concludes our bulletin for this morning.

We invite clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs and shortwave listeners, in both English and Afrikaans, if possible, by following the News Inbox link on the South African Radio League web page. News items to be included in the bulletin should reach the news team no later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date.

You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning for the weekly radio programme, Amateur Radio Today at 10:00 CAT. The programme can be heard on VHF and UHF repeaters countrywide and on 7 082 kHz lower side-band by courtesy of Louis, ZS5LP. A rebroadcast by Andy, ZS6ADY, can be heard on Monday evenings at 19:30 CAT on 3 620 kHz.

We welcome your signal reports, comments, and suggestions; please send these by e-mail to artoday@sarl.org.za.

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From the news team, best wishes for the week ahead.